Novena to Our Lady of La Paz

Every Saturday

Opening

AWIT SA BIRHEN NG LA PAZ NG MAKATI

SAAN MAN MAPADPAD SA 'MING PAGLALAKBAY
O MARIA IKAW ANG AMING GABAY
KAY HESUS AT SA AMIN IKA'Y INAY,
INA NG KAPAYAPAANG TUNAY.

IKAW ANG AMING REYNANG MAPAG-ARUGA
HALIMBAWA NG TUNAY NA PAGTALIMA
TURUAN MO KAMING SUMUNOD SA AMA
IPANALANGIN MO PO KAMI SA KANYA

MAHAL NAMING BIRHEN NG KAPAYAPAAN
AT MABUTING PAGLALAKBAY PAKINGGAN
SA 'MING PAGLALAYAG SA AMING PAGHAYO
SA DIYOS HUWAG TULUTANG KAMI'Y MALAYO.
AMEN.

MAKE THE SIGN OF THE CROSS AS THE **LEADER** SAY:

In the Name of the Father * and of the Son * and of the Holy Spirit.

THE **PEOPLE** REPLY:

Amen.

LEADER:

Brothers and sisters * we are gathered today * to pay homage to our Beloved Mother * as the Virgin of Peace and Good Voyage.

ALL TOGETHER:

Mighty and ever-loving Father * we praise and thank You * for the blessings You continue to shower upon us. * Hear our prayers today * as we entreat You through the intercession of our Mother * the Virgin of Peace and Good Voyage.

Beloved Mother * whose name is exalted in the sight of God * we ask You to join Your voice to ours * as we beg the Father anew * for his blessings through this Your Novena.

THEN THE **LEADER** INVITES THE PEOPLE TO KNEEL SAYING:

Please kneel.

Novena Prayer

ALL TOGETHER:

O Virgin of Peace and Good Voyage * make known to us and our loved ones * that peace most rare * the peace which Your Son * has reserved for those who love and obey Him * the peace which in turn * will give us strength to forgive all * those who have injured us and done us wrong. * Fill our hearts and souls with genuine peace * even as we walk this earth * full of sorrow and tribulation.

Guide us in our journey * so that we may learn to ever trust * and obey the commands of God. * Point out to us the course of righteousness * in all we think and do. * Keep us far from the snares of the Evil One * so that with Your help * we may join in glory at the hour of our death. * Remember, O merciful Virgin * that never was it known * that anyone who came to You * or implored Your help was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence * we come to You with naught * to offer but our pleas and prayers. * In Your mercy * do not despise our petitions * but hear them and answer them.

IN SILENCE, MENTION YOUR PERSONAL INTENTIONS.
PAUSE FOR A COUPLE OF SECONDS.

Salutation to the Blessed Virgin

ALL TOGETHER:

O Holiest of Virgins, * You who were chosen out of all creation * by our Lord Jesus Christ to be His Mother * we rejoice in the honor given to You * and acclaim You as the refuge and comfort of all mankind.

O loving Mother * watch over us, all our days * and in every venture we undertake. * Time and again * You have shown Your concern for us Your children * as we cried out to You in our time of need. * Once more, * we kneel before You * and call upon Your unstinting aid. * Be to us again our Merciful Mother * and hear us as we pray Your Novena.

Petitions

LEADER: That You may always help us in our time of need * and protect the Filipino family against the dangers that threaten in on every side.

ALL REPLY: ***Virgin of Peace and Good Voyage, pray for us.***

LEADER: That You may keep us pure in heart * and pleasing in the sight of God * so that in the end * we may be worthy to stand in His presence * at the feast He has prepared for us in Heaven.

ALL REPLY: ***Virgin of Peace and Good Voyage, pray for us.***

LEADER: That we may take it upon ourselves * to safeguard the welfare of our nation's youth.

ALL REPLY: ***Virgin of Peace and Good Voyage, pray for us.***

LEADER: For all mothers, * that with You ever at their side * they may become worthy examples for their children.

ALL REPLY: ***Virgin of Peace and Good Voyage, pray for us.***

LEADER: That our souls inspired by Your teaching * may become a light to others * who walk in darkness * a comfort and support to our fellowmen.

ALL REPLY: ***Virgin of Peace and Good Voyage, pray for us.***

LEADER: For all fathers, * that they may never waver in their support of their families. * Keep them far from occasions of sin * and strong in the face of temptation.

ALL REPLY: ***Virgin of Peace and Good Voyage, pray for us.***

LEADER: That our bodies and souls * may be always safe from the assaults of the enemy. * Keep us steadfast against the allurements of the world * and lusts of the flesh. * And help us to remake our lives * after Your own example of meekness, simplicity, and sanctity.

ALL REPLY: ***Virgin of Peace and Good Voyage, pray for us.***

LEADER: That God may remember * and pour His blessings on families * torn apart by sin and disregard for the Sacrament of Marriage.

ALL REPLY: ***Virgin of Peace and Good Voyage, pray for us.***

LEADER: That we may be blessed with discernment * to reject evil and embrace good. * And that our hearts may be filled * with genuine fear of the Lord * which is the beginning of all wisdom.

ALL REPLY: ***Virgin of Peace and Good Voyage, pray for us.***

LEADER: And that we may learn to love one another unselfishly * as You and Your Son loved each other. * Turn our hearts away from vanities * and toward the riches of life to come.

ALL REPLY: ***Virgin of Peace and Good Voyage, pray for us.***

Prayer for the Sick

ALL TOGETHER:

Dear Father * we praise and thank You for Your boundless love. * We lift up to You today * our ailing brothers and sisters * and entreat You to heal them of their illnesses * of body and spirit. * This we ask through the intercession of our Blessed Mother.

Therefore, we implore Your aid, O Virgin Mary. * By this Novena * we beg You to grant our loved ones * the precious gift of health. * For the glory of God and the salvation of souls. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

ALL TOGETHER:

Blessed Virgin * we come before You now with heartfelt thanks * for the favors You have granted us. * In return for the blessings we have received, * we pledge to bear witness to Your glory * and to spread You devotion among others. * Full of gratitude, * we will continue to pray to You * and faithfully carry out our vows to God, * to ourselves, * to our families, * and to our communities. Amen.

Prayer for Peace

ALL TOGETHER:

O Beloved Virgin of Peace and Good Voyage * we Your children are gathered here * to honor and sing Your praise. * Grant us now Your aid as the Virgin of Peace * for the greater honor and glory of God.

Instill Your peace in our hearts and souls. * Set us free from yearning after vain and worldly things. * Guide and guard us in our frailty. * Against all mortal dangers, * be our shield. * Place all mankind under Your protection Blessed Mother * and bring us through the strife of this world * into the everlasting peace of Christ. Amen.

Prayer for Travellers

ALL TOGETHER:

O Holy Mother of God, * our Beloved Mother of Peace and Good Voyage * look kindly upon us * as we humbly ask Your guidance and protection * for the journey we are about to make.

Pray for us travelers * that we may ever have a safe and pleasant voyage. * With Your Son * preserve us from harm * and defends us * against all who bear us ill-will. * Refresh us when we are weary. * Enlighten us when we are

lost and confused. * Desert us not until the end of our journey * and keep us safe * wherever we may be. Amen.

Prayer to Our Lady

ALL TOGETHER:

O Loving Mother, * we humbly beseech You. * Help us to be ever thankful to the Lord * for all his blessings to us. * Through Your grace and mercy, * watch over all travelers * especially those travelling overseas * that they may reach their destination safely. * Guide us and lead us also in our journey through life.

Amidst the many temptations and dangers * we faced in the voyage of our lives * grant us strength and courage * to always follow the path of Your Beloved Son, Jesus.

Dear Mother * we implore You. * Grant that our homes * be ever blessed with a nurturing peace. * Help us to honorably and benevolently support our family.

As we travel through life * strengthen each one of us * that we may build a strong community and nation * where Your son reigns.

Dear Mother, * through Your help and grace * may Your Beloved Son * take us under His care and protection * and never abandon us * especially in the midst of trials and difficulties.

Through Your intercession * pray for us * that our life's journey will be blessed * and we may in peace * and attain the glory of life everlasting. Amen.

THEN THE **LEADER** CONCLUDES THE NOVENA PRAYER BY SAYING:

In the Name of the Father * and of the Son * and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.